(d) whether Government propose to initiate work on the scheme by according sanction; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (e) The formal sanction has to be issued by General Officer Commanding in'Chief (GOC-in-C), Central Command, Lucknow. The approval of Directorate General Defence Estates is being conveyed to the GOC-in-C. The proposal is in the initial stage of consultancy for making out water supply scheme for Jabalpur Cantonment.

Cities of Bihar included under Mega City Scheme

†3617. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any Centrally-sponsored scheme for development of infrastructure in mega cities;

(b) if so, the names of the cities in the State of Bihar which have been included in the said scheme;

(c) whether Muzaffarpur city will be included under the said scheme;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (e) Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructural Development in Mega Cities was launched in 1993-94. The Scheme was applicable to cities with a population of 40 lakhs & above as per 1991 census.

None of cities in Bihar, including Muzaffarpur, had population of 40 lakhs and above, as per 1991 census. As such no city in Bihar was included under the said scheme.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.